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FRONT COVER PICTURE:

The 78th Synode of the Armenian Evangelical
Union of France (8-10 May 2008) at the Armenian
Evangelical Church of Issy Les Moulineaux which
celebrated its 80th Anniversary this year.

HE Lives

Andrew Torigian

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." (John 15:18-21).

Yes, because He lives, we will never despair. He brings healing to our hearts and to our lives. He is all around us with his loving care. He will never leave us, His children.

The resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ gives us hope for the future. No matter how bleak it may seem at times and no matter how hopeless it is, because He lives, we live! We can face the future knowing He has everything in his hands and has brought us life everlasting.

When Jesus returns to us again on this earth, imagine the incredible joy we will have. He tells us in John 16:19-22 ... **"A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me. Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."**

Well, that's the best promise we have to hold onto. That one day, He will come for us. We will spend eternity in peace and joy in His presence. Our hearts will rejoice and be glad. We take comfort and security in this, knowing in Christ we've been redeemed. In Him we are promised an abundant life everlasting.

The greatest day of our life is today. Because He lives, we have healing, hope, happiness and Him. We live, because He lives. Let us spread the Good News. □

SAVE THE DATE

**89th Annual Meeting and related activities of the
Armenian Missionary Association of America
Celebrating 90 Years of Miracles**

Oct. 17-19, 2008 in Paramus, NJ

Details will follow

AREVIG Day Care Center in Aleppo



Having known the deterioration noticed among Armenian mentally disabled children placed in local institutions and due to the language barrier, The "Arevig" Day Care Center was established in 2000 for the disabled children in Aleppo, Syria. To provide an adequate environment and care for mentally disabled Armenian children, five trained teachers along with the Director and a secretary serve in the center.

Most of these children who attend the "Arevig" center suffer from dysphasia, which is aggravated when they are admitted to the relevant local institutions, since they don't speak Arabic. Parents who are tremendously affected by their children's conditions cannot find solace in placing them in local institutions.

The project aims for the rehabilitation and empowerment of the mentally disabled Armenian children in Aleppo, Syria, towards their self-reliance and reintegration into their community on one hand and society at large on the other hand.

The objectives of the "Arevig" Center are:

1. To provide an adequate environment and care to 45-50 mentally disabled Armenian children.
2. To enhance and provide the necessary teaching that improves their skills and abilities, helping them to become physically and economically independent and enable their integration into their community.

3. To provide the parents and the siblings with the necessary counseling, awareness and guidance to accept their children's. brothers' or sisters' disability and overcome their embarrassment.

4. To promote a positive attitude in the community as a whole, towards mental disability and to develop medical and social services for the disabled.

In addition to the daily schedule of the school, a training workshop has been organized for the staff team to train them in their tasks and responsibilities.

The daily activities of the Day Care Center includes the following:

1. Administrative:

The procedure of the acceptance of the mentally disabled children is done in cooperation with a pediatrician, a psychologist and a social worker along with the committee who is in charge of decision making.

2. Educational Curriculum:

- a. Sensational development
- b. Physical development and physiotherapeutic activities
- c. Develop self dependence skills
- d. Informative sessions in anatomy and human body parts
- e. Communication and speech
- f. Mathematic exercises
- g. Reading and writing skills
- h. Music appreciation
- i. Handcrafts
- j. Home management



- k. Disciplinary Instructions
- l. Family ties and belongingness
- m. Educational and informative lecture series for the parents of the children specifically and for the public in general.
- n. Christian Education Program

This vital service program was initiated by the Armenian Evangelical Community of Aleppo, Syria and is supported by the three Armenian denominations. AMAA provides financial aid to this program and would appreciate gifts made for this purpose. Let us show our care. Please visit our website at amaa.org for a gift or send your checks payable to AMAA earmarked for Arevig Center. □



Shoghig Choir of Armavir Captivates Audiences

Ani A. Janbazian

Armavir, a city just about a half-hour drive west from Yerevan, once was the capital of Armenia in 331 B.C. during the country's first dynasty, the *Orontid Dynasty*. Perhaps it is quite fitting that a humble and talented group of singers and musicians known as *Shoghig Choir*, is from this region of Armavir. This ensemble, like the city itself rich with history, performs those Armenian folk songs of old, which resonate the stories and spirit of the ancient homeland.

Shoghig Choir began as a small children's choir in 2000 at the Armenian Evangelical Church in Armavir, Armenia, under the direction of Rev. Garush Antonyan, the Artistic Director of the choir and the pastor of the church, and through the years had talented singers come and go. The group, which used to perform during the church's worship services, grew to become an ensemble that incorporated Armenian patriotic and folk songs as part of their repertoire and eventually grabbed the attention of other Armenians. After powerful and unforgettable performances throughout Armenia, Karabagh and France, the group, along with Rev. Antonyan and the choir director, Mareta Kirakosyan, was invited by the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) in celebration of its 90th anniversary, to give their first concert tour in North America to benefit AMAA's various children's programs in Armenia and Karabagh. It is for this reason that *Shoghig Choir* generously gave their hearts and voices in their performances in Toronto and Montreal (May 4 & 11 organized by the Armenian Missionary Association of Canada and the local Armenian Evangelical Churches), in Boston (May 17 organized by the Armenian



Shoghig Choir performing in Toronto, ON, Canada

Children's Milk Fund) and in northern New Jersey (May 18 organized by the AMAA's Summer Camp/Christmas Committee).

The members of the group comprise of sopranos Arusyak Aleksanyan, Kristine Avetisyan; altos Vergine Aleksanyan, Yeranouhi Kalajyan; soloists Suren Avoyan and Mareta Kirakosyan; duduk and zourna player Aghvan Grigoryan; violin and keyboard player Vagharshak Grigoryan, with poetry recitations by 12-year old Arus Antonyan, who is the youngest member of the group. The programs began with a beautiful rendition of the *Hayr Mehr* (the Lord's prayer in Armenian – Arthur Mechjian version) and



Shoghig Choir accepting the audience's exuberant gratitude after their performance in Northern New Jersey

included many popular songs such as, *Araradyan Tashd* (The Plains of Ararat), *Adanaee Voghp* (Lament of Adana), *Kamancha, Noubar Noubar, Hoy Nar* and *Havadkes Chem Moranah* (I will not forget my faith). In addition to the talents of the choir, the program incorporated other treats for the audience: Mareta Kirakosyan who possesses vocal cords that reverberated mesmerizing rich tones in emotional Armenian songs, performed a few solos as part of the program, including *Cheknegh Eem Yergir* (My Pretty Country), *Groung* (Crane), *Giligya, Eem Ani* and *Kehnah Groung* (Go Crane). 18-year old Suren Avoyan, another talented soloist of the group, was featured in the songs *Arakil* (Stork) and *Hye Aghchig* (Armenian girl). Accompanying the singers were the haunting drones of the duduk played by Grigoryan who joined in with *Horovel* (Farmer's Plowing Song) and other songs. After the intermission, the young women of the group entered the stage dressed in breathtaking authentic Armenian folk dresses, elegantly dancing Armenian folk dances. Arus Antonyan, daughter of Rev. Antonyan, came on stage a few times during the program to recite Armenian poetry.

After receiving buzzing positive responses following their performances in Toronto and Montreal, the choir was asked to perform additional unplanned encore concerts. The choir also visited and performed in local Armenian schools and Armenian old age homes throughout Toronto, Montreal, Boston and northern New Jersey. Each performance gave a taste of favorite and unforgettable songs and poetry of Armenia, which was welcomed with much applause by the packed audiences. The singers and musicians of *Shoghig Choir* of Armavir take their gifts and talents of music and performance seriously just as they take their heritage seriously, which is evident not only in their delivery, but also when they are invited to perform additional encore concerts. *Shoghig Choir* desires to hold on to our Motherland's rich roots and history through music and invites their audiences to embrace their love for Armenia and her surviving music, a lifeline that unites all Armenians, those living in the Homeland and as part of the Diaspora. As Arousiak Alexanyan, the 18-year old soprano of *Shoghig Choir* beautifully put it: "*When we sing, we'll do everything possible to pass the warmth of Armenia and our warm sun to the audience. In our thoughts we'll soar together like our cranes above Armenia's high mountains.*" □



(top to bottom): Shoghig Choir with the residents and staff of the Armenian Home in Emerson, NJ; With Hovnanian Armenian School Students in New Milford NJ; The ensemble performing for Hovnanian Armenian School Students



Shoghig Choir performing for the residents and staff of the Armenian Home in Emerson, NJ



Mareta Kirakosyan, Shoghig Choir Director and soloist



Rev. Garush Antonyan greets the audience in New Jersey, with Elbiz Baghdikian, chairperson of the AMAA Summer Camp/Christmas Committee translating



AMAA Children's Fashion Show Brings

Joy to Thousands of Families and Children

The Crystal Ballroom of the Beverly Hills Hotel was the beautiful setting of the AMAA Child and Orphan Care luncheon. Over 400 guests and supporters of AMAA's Child and Orphan Care programs were captivated during the reception with festive tables adorned with over one hundred extraordinary silent auction items. Spring flowers greeted them when they entered the ballroom while luncheon Co-Chairs Gina Felikian, Grace Kurkjian and Nora Tavlian warmly welcomed the lively gathering. Leslie Kevorkian gave the devotional and offered a prayer thanking God for the generous support received for this most worthy cause.

The event raised almost \$200,000! The silent auction was especially spectacular and profitable - making over \$21,000. Argine Jean Kelegian, the Silent Auction Chair, along with Christine Minasian and Nicole Barsom Nishanian procured many of the amazing items. Christina Jabarian, Leslie Tevrizian Shahinian and Jessica Vartoughian helped make the auction a tremendous success.

Joyce Stein, National Chair of the Orphan and Child Care Committee, followed with remarks about the AMAA and its critical ministry in Armenia to deprived children and their families.



AMAA West Coast area Orphan and Child Care Committee

During lunch, a touching video was shown describing how the funds raised at this event help Armenia's orphanages, schools, orphaned children living with relatives, and handicapped children. Maro Najarian Yacoubian related a story about how one person can make a profound difference in the life of a needy child or orphan in Armenia, just as someone had made a difference in her grandfather's life—she challenged the audience to continue supporting the children of Armenia by donating \$250 to become sponsors.

After a delicious dessert and a dance performance by the Merdinian School students, the children's fashion show was introduced by Nora Tavlian. The fashion show committee, which included Nora Tavlian, Maro Yacoubian, Caroline Tufenkian and Irene Sassounian worked hard to make sure the presentation of fifty children and teenagers in this year's breathtaking show was perfect and seamless.

The guests left the event with a bag full of goodies, including lotions and nail



Luncheon Co-Chairs, Nora Tavlian, Grace Kurkjian and Gina Felikian



Arsine Phillips, Joyce Stein and Lori Muncherian, Co-Chairs of the LA Orphan & Child Care Committee

Maro Najarian Yacoubian's Speech at the LA Orphan & Child Care Fund Raiser

Ladies and Gentlemen, my name is Maro Najarian Yacoubian and I respectfully ask that you give me 3 minutes of your time.

In 1895, Hagop, a 10 year old orphaned Armenian boy with a group of other Armenian children were roaming the streets of Ourfa looking for food.

They did not know anyone. They had just seen their parents murdered by the Turks. They had no food, they had no shelter and they had no hope.

Corrina Shattuck, an American missionary, found these boys and took them in – gave them shelter, education, and food. Had it not been for Ms. Shattuck, the American missionary, these boys all would have died.

In 1907, Hagop graduated from high school and received his diploma signed by Ms. Shattuck. During the horrible events of 1915, Hagop along with thousands of others, was forced to leave his home and march into the desert with his family.

He left every earthly possession behind except for one thing that he treasured – Ms. Shattuck's diploma.

This ladies and gentlemen is my grandfather Hagop Najarian's diploma given by the American Missionaries.

This diploma symbolizes how one act of kindness by a stranger can change a child's life forever.

Now, on the streets of Armenia, in the villages of Gyumri, Ichevan and Maraleek, there are children who have lost hope and need help.

High unemployment has caused fathers to leave their families. Mothers who cannot feed their children are forced to abandon them. Yes, there are children like Hagop roaming the streets seeking help.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are fortunate to be able to help these children. We are lucky we don't have to travel thousands of miles under dangerous conditions to help them.

For 70 cents a day you can sponsor a child through the AMAA and that child will receive food, clothing, health items and school supplies.

By sponsoring a child, you will not only save the child, but you will save the treasured Armenian family by keeping them together.

On your table you will find photographs of children who are seeking sponsors. Please sponsor these children. Fill out the sponsorship form putting the identification number of the child on your form and give it to a committee member who is walking around today with these badges. The framed photos of the children are for you to take home as a reminder of the love and hope you are giving.

If someone else has taken that child to sponsor, please know that there are thousands of other children who need our help. Fill out a form on your table. The personal information that you put down will not be available to the sponsored child. Everything goes through the AMAA to protect your privacy. If you do sponsor a child, you will receive a photo of the child and the child will write you a letter, which the AMAA will forward to you.

We have a unique opportunity to pull children out of despair and fill their hearts with hope and love, just as Corrina Shattuck had done for my grandfather.

Thank you. □

care products donated by Jessica Vartoughian of Jessica Nails, and chocolate covered raisins donated by Linda Kay Abdulian of National Raisin Company.

The West Coast Co-Chairs of the AMAA Orphan Care Committee, Lori Muncherian and Arsine Phillips, thanked all those present and the ladies of the committee who worked so diligently, and especially the luncheon Co-Chairs, Gina Felikian, Grace Kurkjian and Nora Tavlian, for making the event a huge success. "The triumph

of the day was the result of thirty ladies' hard work and perseverance-- a total of almost \$200,000.00 was raised!" said Sandra Kalemkarian, who was responsible for all the reservations, the silent auction close out, as well as the technology for the event. "This is an amazing cause," she added, "because our support makes such a difference in the lives of the needy children in Armenia." □

[Silent Auction Chair, Argine Jean Kelegian](#) and [event Co-Chair Grace Kurkjian](#)



AMAA SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

AMAA Sunday Celebrated at Armenian Evangelical Churches of North America

The Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) is the missionary arm of Armenian Evangelical Churches in North America and thus shares a common goal – spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through various service programs. At least once a year, each Armenian Evangelical Church dedicates a Sunday to AMAA. Representatives of AMAA visit the church on that particular Sunday, join in worship, report on AMAA activities, express AMAA's appreciation for their support and challenge them to continue their support of the Lord's work through mission outreach. In April of 2008, the following churches were visited and jointly observed AMAA Sunday.

First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA



Roseann Saliba promotes the AMAA Child Sponsorship Program

The 90th Anniversary of AMAA was celebrated at FAPC on Sunday, April 6, 2008 with AMAA Field Director delivering the message, "Thank Goodness" basing the meditation on Matthew 19:16-22. At the conclusion of the message, a video was presented on AMAA ministries in the Near East and Armenia. Responding to the AMAA's appeal many from the congregation pledged to support AMAA work in Armenia, Lebanon and Syria. Over 30 needy Armenian Children were sponsored. □

Armenian Presbyterian Church, Paramus, NJ



The Armenian Presbyterian Church in Paramus, NJ celebrated AMAA Sunday at its worship service on April 20, 2008, coordinated by their Missions Committee. Mr. Andrew Torigian, Executive Director of the AMAA, gave a stirring message on the strong cord that binds AMAA with the Armenian Evangelical churches. He provided the history of AMAA explaining that the founding of the organization was based on the fact that the churches wanted a strong, united avenue for accomplishing their missions work which is an important part of the work of the church.

After the service, there was a luncheon at which time a video was presented and Mr. Torigian provided more details of the AMAA's mission work. The work of the churches and their Missions Committees which is vital to the work of AMAA is appreciated. □

Armenian Congregational Church, Detroit, MI

L to R: Dikran Youmshakian (AMAA Field Director), Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian, Rev. & Mrs. Makarios Darawi, Mrs. Francis Garabedian and Mrs. Rosette Tootikian



The Detroit congregation welcomed the AMAA Field Director on Sunday, April 13, 2008 during their worship service and at a special banquet organized by the Church's Missions Committee. During the banquet, Mr. Youmshakian gave a report on AMAA activities and challenged the congregation to participate and support AMAA's major projects in Armenia, Middle East and North America. Pastor Makarios Darawi and Mrs. Francis Garabedian, Chairperson of the church's Mission Committee in their turn encouraged the participants to continue with their generous support. □

Ararat Evangelical Church, Salt Lake City, UT



The congregation of Salt Lake City, with their Pastor, Gevork Paronyan, celebrated AMAA Sunday on April 27, 2008 and praised the Lord for the 90 years of AMAA Missionary Service. The Ararat Church is a young congregation of ten years in an area that no other Armenian church exists. The congregation does not have their own church, but use the facilities of a local Baptist church. The local non-Armenian congregation many times joins the church in their worship. AMAA Field Director Dikran Youmshakian brought an inspiring message in English from Luke 5:17-26 and presented a video on AMAA services throughout the world.

After the worship service, the congregation had lunch together and thanked the AMAA for the financial support provided to this new church through the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America. □

FIELD VISITATIONS

Armenian Festival in Alexandria, VA

It was above 100 degrees in Alexandria, VA on Saturday, June 7, 2008, yet that was no reason for people to miss the festivities at City Hall Center in Alexandria, VA. There was good Armenian food, great programs of Armenian music, songs and dance. Local dignitaries participated and a proclamation was extended by the Mayor of the City. Most important however was the honorable cause of supporting children in Gyumri. The income from the event was designated to Alexandria's sister city, Gyumri in Armenia.

AMAA once again participated with a display of its child programs – Orphan/Child Care, Milk Fund, Summer Camps and schools. People who viewed the display were moved and encouraged to support these programs, thus making sure that our children will have a better chance for a brighter future.



Fresno Welcomes AMAA Field Director

Roseann Emerzian Saliba

On the evening of April 5, 2008, some 40 guests gathered from First Armenian Presbyterian Church and Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church for a reception at the home of Edward and Roseann Saliba. Honored guests included Rev. Mgrdich Melkonian, Rev. Bernard Guekguezian and Rev. Aren Balabanian.

Mr. Dikran Youmshakian, Field Director of the AMAA, brought greetings from the AMAA Board of Directors and provided the guests with a report, which included two films depicting the major projects of the Association. He stated that the AMAA has been in existence for 90 years and has maintained a range of educational, evangelistic, relief, social service, church and child-care ministries in 22 countries.

Through the films, the guests were able to witness the AMAA in action serving:

- Orphans and needy children through the Child Sponsorship Program
- Summer camps in Armenia and the Middle East
- Infants in Armenia through the Armenian Children's Milk Fund
- Medical and dental clinics in Armenia
- Schools in Armenia, Karabagh, Lebanon and Syria, and
- The Center for the Armenian Handicapped & Elderly in Lebanon.

It became clear that the economic conditions and the political uncertainty in Lebanon has taken its toll on our sisters and brothers there, along with inflation and unemployment both in Lebanon and Armenia. This coupled with the decreasing value of the American dollar has created an increased need for more funding.

Mr. Youmshakian concluded his report by sharing the AMAA's recent projects:

- Cultural Center & Church campus in Yerevan, Armenia, which will include: the AMAA-Armenia Headquarters, Christian Education & Seminary, Evangelical Church, and AMAA Relief & Aid Center;
- Community Center & Church in Gyumri, Armenia;
- Evangelical Middle-High School & Community Center in Armenia;
- Summer Camps in Armenia, Europe, Middle East & the United States;
- Merdinian School, California; and
- Haigazian University, Lebanon.

The evening came to a close with Child Sponsorships and gifts for the works of the AMAA, and appreciation for 90 years of service to our sisters and brothers around the world, while proclaiming the love of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. ☐



Top L to R: Rev. Mgrdich Melkonian-Senior-Pastor of FAPC, Edward & Roseann Saliba, Janie Bedrosian, MaryLou Bagdasarian, Dikran Youmshakian-AMAA Field Director and Rev. Aren Balabanian-Associate Pastor of FAPC

Bottom: Some of the participants at the reception at the home of Edward & Roseann Saliba

AMAA's Executive Director and President Visit Cyprus, Greece, Armenia and France

In a whirlwind journey, Andy Torigian, Executive Director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), with AMAA's President Dr. H. Steven Aharonian, visited Cyprus, Greece, Armenia and France to assess the current state of affairs of our Armenian communities in those countries.

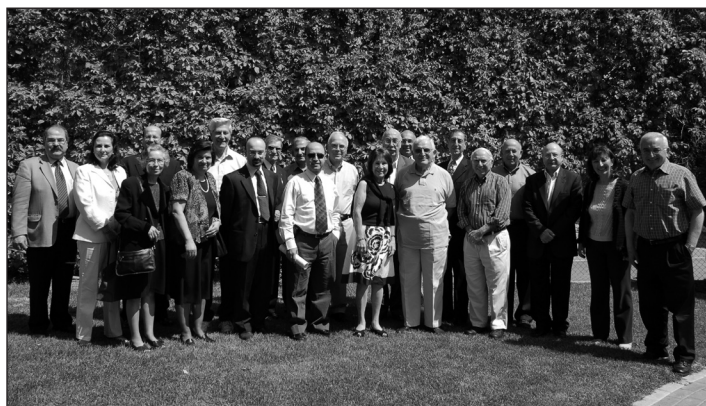
They had a two-day meeting with the Haigazian University (HU) Board of Trustees in Larnaca, Cyprus. HU, even with the current problems in Lebanon, is thriving. They have 750 students, in their graduate and under-graduate studies.

In Greece, they visited the Armenian Evangelical Church of Greece and their congregants. Rev. Vicken Cholakian recently lost his beloved wife, Salpi, from a rare brain disease at the age of 41. Despite these difficulties, he is still carrying on their church work along with raising his two young children.

In Armenia, they visited the massive construction effort taking place at the new AMA-Armenia Headquarters in Yerevan. The seminary has been completed, and classes are being taught there. The church facility and the adjoining halls and rooms will be completed in about six months.

In France, Andy Torigian, Al DePaola, Jr., Operations Director of the AMAA, and Rev. René Léonian, the AMAA representative in Armenia, attended the 78th Synode of the Armenian Evangelical Union of France (AEUF). They also met with three of our mission partners, Dorcas Aid International from the Netherlands, Service d'Entraide et de Liaison of France (SEL), and Espoir Pour L'Armenie (Hope for Armenia), our Armenian mission partners in Paris.

The meetings were very productive, and the decisions made will enhance the lives of our Armenian Christians. □



Haigazian University (HU) Board of Trustees. From left are Rev. Mgo Karagoezian, UAECNE President; Dr. Arda Ekmekji; Dean, Dr. Fadi Asrawi; Dean, Miss Anie Boujikanian; Mrs. Seta Karagoezian, Secretary; Mr. Andy Torigian, Executive Director of the AMAA; Mr. Yervant Babikian, Controller; Rev. Dr. Manuel Jinbanchian; Dr. Haroutioun Nicolian; Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, President of HU; Dr. S. Hrair Aharonian, President of the AMAA; Mrs. Joyce Stein, SPF Chair; Dr. Ropovt Chorbajian; Louis Kurkjian; Albert Momjian, Esq.; Rev. Robert Sarkissian, Vice Chair; Rev. Dr. Carnegie Calian; Robert Kurkjian; Nabil Ekmekjian; Treasurer; Dr. Ani Darakjian; and Herair Mouradian, Chair



Andy Torigian, AMAA Executive Director and Dr. S. Hrair Aharonian, AMAA President had a very productive meeting with the Evangelical Church of Armenia. Front row seated from L to R: Luciné Khachatryan, Gumri Office Manager; Andy Torigian, Rev. Edik Tadevosyan, Pastor of Hrazdan Church; Dr. S. Hrair Aharonian and Rev. René Leonian, AMAA Representative in Armenia. Standing L to R: Al DePaola, Jr., AMAA Operations Director; Harout Nercessian, AMAA Armenia Operations Manager; Rev. Samvel Kirakosyan, Pastor of Vanatzor Church; Rev. Armen Mikaelyan, Pastor of Talin Church; Rev. Albert Paityan, Pastor of Ichevan Church; Sarkis Ochinyan, Pastor of Goris Church; Armen Movsisyan, Office Manager AMAA Office in Vartenis; Rev. Gagik Hovhanissyan, Pastor of Artashat Church and Rev. Hamlet Gyureghyan, Pastor in Yerevan



Armenian Evangelical Church of Greece – Standing in front row from left to right are Rev. Vicken Cholakian, Pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Greece; Dr. S. Hrair Aharonian, AMAA President and his wife Julie; and Andy Torigian, AMAA Executive Director. Dr. Aharonian and Andy Torigian both spoke to the congregation of the Armenian Evangelical Church encouraging them to do their continued good work within the local community. The members of the church are very supportive of their pastor

Haigazian University receives US\$700,000 grant from USAID



On Thursday the 5th of June, U.S. Charge d'Affaires Michele J. Sison presented a check of US\$700,000 to Haigazian University President, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, to finance scholarships for deserving students. This funding provided by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), will support needy undergraduate students, in addition to establishing a new fund for the graduate studies program.

Ambassador Sison, accompanied by USAID Director, Raouf Youssef met with a number of students, faculty and administrators. "One of the United States core values is education, and Haigazian University has grown in size and academic offerings, becoming the place of world class education, right in the heart of Beirut", noted the Ambassador. Ambassador Sison considered that the educational funds will allow students from throughout Lebanon to study and contribute to the continuous development of Lebanon. "Our support to Haigazian University, assists students as they make Lebanon, the region and the world a better place", Her Excellency commented.

With a feeling of fulfillment, President Haidostian thanked the delegation, and considered this event as a historic celebration of partnership between Haigazian University and the USAID. He also gave tribute to such families as the Mehagians and the Philibosians, who, following the unimaginable hardships of the Armenian Genocide, became part of the American social and cultural fabric, and turned a history of disaster into a story of service, thus becoming instrumental in establishing Haigazian University through the AMAA. He noted with thanks the ongoing and direct support of major organizations such as the AMAA, the Philibosian Foundation, The Haigazian University Women's Auxiliary, and others. He further called upon all to join Haigazian's drive for excellence in education and service. □

Meet Our Staff...

Mrs. Lisa Sudibya is an accomplished accountant ensuring proper processing of the many complex financial transactions and maintaining impeccable transaction records.



Mrs. Sudibya joined AMAA in 2001 and serves as our Accountant. She quickly proved her worth to our organization with her expert skills and proficiency. We are blessed to have someone of her caliber.

From 1990 to 2000, she was employed as an accountant in the retail and real estate industries and as a loan administrator assistant and account officer in the banking industry.

Born in Jakarta, Indonesia, Mrs. Sudibya came to the US in 1986. She subsequently graduated from Rutgers University with a BS in Accounting. She is married with one daughter. □

AMAA Presents the Child Sponsorship Program to Kiwanis Club



The Hasbrouck Heights/Teterboro (NJ) Kiwanis Club welcomed Mr. Dikran Youmshakian, the Field Director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) at their June meeting as their speaker on AMAA's Child Sponsorship/Child Education Programs. Kiwanis is a global organization whose main commitment is "Serving the Children of the World". One of the major projects of the AMAA is Child Sponsorship, which supports children in Armenia and the Middle East with food, clothing, medical needs, school supplies, and most of all education. Mr. Youmshakian spoke about the need for support of thousands of children. The children will not only be provided with financial aid, but they also will become part of AMAA's spiritual and wellness programs such as Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Summer Camps, and Medical and Dental Care. Anyone can participate and become a sponsor. As a sponsor you can communicate with the child and receive letters and updates on their progress. The AMAA is one of the few organizations where 100 per cent of the gift is provided for the child. If you are interested in making a life-saving difference in a life of a child, through the AMAA, please contact AMAA's Sponsorship Department at 201-265-2607 or e-mail: sponsorship@amaa.org □

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Տիգրան Երմաքյան

«Արդ կ'աղաչեմ ձեզի, եղբայրներ, Աստուծոյ կարեկցութեամբ, որ ձեր մարմինները ներկայացնէք որպէս ապրող զոհ մը՝ սուրբ, աստուածահաճոյ. ա՛յդ է ձեր բանական պաշտամունքը»: (Հռոմ. 12. 1)

Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութիւնը այս տարի (2008 թուական) կը նշէ իր կազմութեան 90-րդ տարեդարձը: Այս առիթով, փառք կու տանք Աստուծոյ՝ Ընկերակցութեան երկարամեայ ծառայութեան համար:

Երբ ակնկարկ մը նետենք Աւետարանականի պատմութեան եւ այն գլխաւոր ազդակներուն վրայ, որ եղան մղիչ ոյժը անոր յաջողութեան, ամէն բանէ առաջ մեր ուշադրութիւնը կը գրաւէ սկզբնական շրջանի (1918 եւ անոր յաջորդող անմիջական տարիներուն) Ընկերակցութեան վարիչ ծառաներուն անձնագոհ նուիրումն ու անոնց կենդանի զոհողութիւնը:

Արդ, Ընկերակցութեան հիմնադրութեան առաջին իսկ տարիներուն, Խնամակալ Մարմինը յանդուգն քայլը առաւ կէս միլիոն տոլարի հանգանակութեան արշաւի մը, նպատակ ունենալով վերանորոգել պատմական Հայաստանի եւ նորանկախ Հայաստանի Հանրապետութեան Հայ Աւետարանական եկեղեցիները ու վարժարանները, որոնք կը ծառայէին Հայ ժողովուրդին՝ առանց համայնքային խտրութեան:

Դժբախտաբար, երկրի պայմաններուն վատթարացումը դժուարութեան մատնեց դրամահաւաքի արշաւը: Հակառակ ասոր, հիմնադիր Խնամակալ Մարմինի անդամներուն անսակարկ նուիրումը, հիմը դրաւ փայլուն ապագայի մը, որ այս ներկայ սերունդը հպարտութեամբ կը դիմաւորէ:

Անձնագոհ նուիրում – այս էր Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութեան յաջողութեան գաղտնիքը: Արդարեւ, Ընկերակցութեան ղեկավարները, ըլլան անոնք նուիրեալ հովիւներ կամ մտահոգ աշխարհական ղեկավարներ՝ թիւով 15 հոգի, եղան հիմնաքարերը Ընկերակցութեան եւ իրենց անձնագոհ օրինակով հանդիսացան մղիչ ոյժը ապագայի սերունդներուն:

Արժէ յիշել անոնց անունները եւ յարգանքի տուրք մատուցանել անոնց.–

Ճան Թէլֆէյեան (Նախագահ)

Տիգրան Տոնջեան (Փոխ Նախագահ)

Ճան Մոսէքեան (Գանձապահ)

Յարութիւն Տատուրեան

Մեյլիտոն Իկնատիոս

Վեր. Գաբրիէլ Պետրոսեան

Վահան Պապասիմեան

Վեր. Ա. Ա. Պետիկեան

Արամ Հեճիմեան

Վեր. Հայկ Եարտըմեան

Արմենակ Մահնուպեան

Տիգրան Սարգիսեան

Վեր. Յակոբ Տեփոյեան

Մինաս Գոնտազեան

Կարապետ Փուշման

Այս 15 անդամները պարտականութիւն սեպեցին Ընկերակցութիւնը գետնէլ գօրաւոր հիմերու վրայ, նիւթական դժուարութիւններու ժամանակ անձնապէս իրենց յանձնարարական միջոցներէն հայթայթելով՝ Ընկերակցութեան բացը գոցելու: Անոնք եւ իրենց անմիջական հետեւորդները, այսպէս ծառայեցին շուրջ քառորդ դար:

Յաջորդող տարիներուն, բարեբախտաբար, նուազ չեղաւ անոնց հետեւորդներուն նուիրումը: Եւ այսօր, հիմնադրութենէն 90 տարիներ ետք, եթէ փափաքինք թուել Ընկերակցութեան կամաւոր ծառայողներու անունները, թերեւս լեցնենք այս ամսաթերթի բոլոր էջերը:

Այսօր, անգամ մը եւս Ընկերակցութիւնը դէմ առ դէմ կու գայ գլխաւոր մարտահրաւերի մը: Հայաստանի նորանկախ Պետութիւնը իր կարիքներով, Միջին Արեւելքի Հայ գաղութներու դիմագրաւած դժուարութիւնները, Եւրոպա հաստատուած նոր գաղութներու պէտքերը, ինչպէս նաեւ հոս՝ Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի եկեղեցիներու եւ վարժարաններու անմիջական պէտքերը կը պարտադրեն, որ Ընկերակցութիւնը անգամ մը եւս յանդուգն քայլ մը առնէ հանգանակութեան արշաւի մը: Այս արշաւի գլխաւոր նպատակն է գօրաւոր հիմերու վրայ դնել մայր հայրենիքը, եւ միեւնոյն ժամանակ, կանգուն պահել արտասահմանի Հայ գաղութները՝ ամբողջացնելու Հայ իրականութիւնը եւ ապահովելու Հայ ժողովուրդի, թէ՛ ազգային եւ թէ՛ հոգեւոր գոյատեւումը:

Այս մեծ մարտահրաւեր մըն է, սակայն Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութիւնը կը վստահի իր Խնամակալ Մարմինին, կամաւոր ծառայողներուն, անդամներուն եւ բարեկամներուն անձնագոհ նուիրումին: Աստուած Իր ժողովուրդը երբեք չլքեց եւ, անհրաժեշտ ժամանակին, Իր Որդին՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսը ղրկեց, որ հանդիսանայ անձնագոհ նուիրումի գլխաւոր օրինակը:

Արժէ՛ մէկ օրինակ յիշել Յիսուս Քրիստոսի զոհողութենէն: Յովհաննոս 19-րդ գլխուն մէջ, կը կարդանք Յիսուսի հոգաճութիւնը՝ նոյնիսկ խաչին վրայ գամուած Իր մահամեծք վիճակին մէջ, երբ Ան կը շարունակէ հոգալ Իր մօր պէտքերը: Այդ ծանր վիճակին մէջ, Յիսուս կը խնդրէ հոն գտնուող աշակերտներէն՝ Յովհաննէսէ, որ խնամէ Իր մայրը: Այսպիսի անձնագոհ նուիրումի օրինակն է, որ Աստուած կու տայ մեզի այսօր, եւ ա՛յս է, որ Պօղոս առաքեալ կը շեշտէ Հռովմայեցիս 12-րդ գլուխին մէջ:

90-ամեակի այս առիթով, փառք կու տանք Աստուծոյ Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութեան ծառայող եւ նպաստող բոլոր բարեկամներուն համար եւ կ'աղօթենք, որ Աստուած շարունակէ օրհնել Կազմակերպութիւնը եւ քաջալերէ նոր սերունդները, որպէսզի շարունակեն Ընկերակցութեան Աստուածահաճոյ աշխատանքը:

Մարտահրաւերը բոլորին է: ☐

Our Report Card

by Dikran Youmshakian

It is June, and time for school report cards. How concerned are the students is another question, except perhaps for those of the graduating class looking towards higher education.

How about a report card for our spiritual life? What marks do we get?

According to Paul in Romans 3, we have all failed. For he says, “there is no one righteous, there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God, all have turned away, they have together become worthless, there is no one who does good, not even one.” (Vs. 9-12).

Let us take time and reflect upon our past. Let us remember our wrong doings and grade our actions.

Did we hurt someone else’s feelings?

Are we holding a grudge against another?

Were we angry for no reason?

Did we hate another individual?

Do we care for others’ and did we do any good?

We sometimes do not worry about sin, thinking that it is God’s responsibility to forgive, and that like a school failing mark, sin can teach us a valuable lesson. We take God’s Grace for granted. God does not overlook sin, and will look for answers. There are consequences to sin and it puts a strain on our relationship with God. But God is also gracious and will redeem us and forgive our sins through Jesus Christ. We only need to turn to Him with faith.

Paul recognized that he was a sinner and he regretted when he received his report card. Fortunately, however he did accept God’s grace and followed Him all the way with faith. □

BOOK REVIEWS

Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian’s 30th Book Released

Reviewed by Dr. Richard Marburger*

“**As I See It/Eem Déssangyunén**” is a magnificent collection of sermons, essays and meditations from the God-given mind (and soul!) of a man I believe to be one of the greatest oratorical preachers of this or any other generation. As I read the book, I recreated in my mind the image of a man with a powerful yet carefully modulated and pleasant bass/baritone voice which could thunder or softly put forth the most inspired scriptural insights that a human being can enunciate...

Each of the 34 English meditations displays this marvelous characteristic. We read about Joseph, the father of Jesus, in the first presentation. I had never reflected much on Joseph but now I believe I can view him with a new understanding. The sermon on Pentecost, for example shows us how Dr. Tootikian can bring sense to an episode which has always seemed mysterious to most of us. It is biblical, we believe it actually occurred and yet, what does it mean? Dr. Tootikian has been a lifelong scholar. Thus, he has that amazing ability to put historical occurrences into the context of the day.

It is my hope, as you read, that you will be able to sense what I often felt as Dr. Tootikian spoke: His presentations became so impassioned and so eloquent that I would sense that Jesus Himself was speaking to us directly through this great preacher...

“**As I See It/Eem Déssangyunén**” is available from Armenian Heritage Committee, 3922 Yorba Lind Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073-6455. 208 pp. Hard cover \$25.00, plus 2.50 for shipping.

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Fr. Vertanes, an Almost-Forgotten Forefather

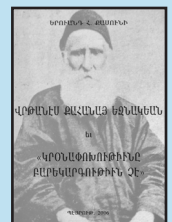
Reviewed by Rev. L. Nishan Bakalian

Father Vertanes Yeznagian, the first name on the list of the 40 men and women who founded the “Evangelical Church of Armenia,” remains largely unknown to the vast majority of Armenian Evangelicals around the world. Yet his legacy is crucial to the identity and existence of that church.

Through the efforts of Dr. Yervant Kassouny, we have not only Yeznagian’s seminal work, “Conversion Is Not Reformation,” reprinted and annotated, but through an extensive biography we also gain a much-needed exploration into the life and thought of one of the founding fathers of the Armenian Evangelical movement. Fr. Vertanes, true to his beliefs and ethnic identity, strove to bring a simpler, more authentic faith to the Mother Church, which he served faithfully until his very public defrocking in 1843.

Even after that, as all the evangelically-minded Armenians met the same fate, Fr. Vertanes maintained a devotion and commitment to the spiritual welfare of all Armenians, and to the distinctly Armenian identity of the Evangelical Church. Just as he stood up to the pressures to compromise his Biblical convictions on the one side, he also remained steadfast in holding to the autonomy and indigenous character of the newly-formed church. It is to this founding father we owe the name, and the vision, of “Hayasdanyaits Avedaranagan Yegeghetsi” (Evangelical Church of Armenia). [LNB]

“*Vertanes Kahana Yeznagian yev ‘Gronapokhouthiune Paregarkoutiun Che’*” by Yervant H. Kassouny (2006 – Beirut) paperback (in Armenian), 160 pp., with map and photographs, is available from the AMAA Bookstore for \$20, plus s/h (item #331).



Barkev Y. Bakamjian

Barkev Bakamjian, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, a dedicated teacher, and an accomplished scientist, died Friday, April 25, 2008, at his Tulsa home in the company of family members who had supported him during his valiant battle against cancer. He was born August 17, 1923, near Beirut, Lebanon, the youngest child of Yeghia and Santoukht Bakamjian, survivors of the Armenian Genocide. He attended an English missionary orphanage grammar school led by his father. Later he moved on to a French secondary school before studying at the American University of Beirut, where he earned a bachelor's degrees in physics in 1944 and in civil engineering in 1946.

In September 1946, Barkev traveled by ship to the United States. He earned a Master's degree in Physics from Columbia University in 1947 and a doctorate in physics from Columbia in 1953.

He and his Columbia faculty advisor, L. H. Thomas, published a paper in Physical Review in December 1953 titled "Relativistic Particle Dynamics" that has been cited in approximately 200 other articles. The more important December 1953 event for Barkev, however, was his wedding to Grace M. Norian.

Barkev was an instructor of Engineering & Physics at several institutions during his first 15 years in the United States. He worked at the Schlumberger-Doll Research Center in Ridgefield, Connecticut, from 1961-72. After two years in research and development with Addressograph-Multigraph Corp. in the Cleveland, Ohio area he returned to the petroleum industry until his retirement in 1992.

In 1994, he participated in a U.S. Department of Energy conference in Armenia focused on the newly independent former Soviet state's energy future. An amateur violinist, he shared a love of music with Grace, a pianist and piano teacher. They were active together in Tulsa's classical music scene for 30 years.

Barkev and his wife have been active supporters of Armenian causes, especially education and relief efforts. Survivors include: his wife Grace, Dr. Vahram Bakamjian, and wife, Rose, of Port Washington, NY; his three sons, Ted Bakamjian and wife, Emily Duensing, of Tulsa; Tim Bakamjian and wife, Ann Gaebe, of Tulsa; and David Bakamjian of Woodside, NY; and three grandchildren, Josh Parish and fiancée, Taylor Painter-Wolfe, of Olympia, WA; and Allison Bakamjian and Jeff Bakamjian of Tulsa.

Barkev will be remembered for his warm smile and generous spirit as well as for his intellect and professional accomplishments.

In lieu of flowers, donations were made to the AMAA's child sponsorship and education programs. □

Dikran Balian

Dikran Balian was born in Kilis, Turkey on Feb. 22, 1911. He was one of five children of Kevork and Khatoun Balian. A few years later, due to the Armenian Genocide, he and his family were forced to flee to Syria and then Lebanon. He grew up in Syria and started working at Aztag Armenian newspaper where he began his career in the newspaper business. In 1947 he met Azniv Chekijian, and they were married and blessed with three children.



Due to his success and reputation at Aztag, in 1962 he took advantage of an opportunity to move to America when he was recruited and sponsored by the Hairenik Armenian Newspaper to work for them in the U.S., where he stayed until his retirement in 1977. Throughout his childhood he had a love for art. He trained under French Armenian artist Aramis and started painting at the age of 15. After his retirement, he devoted his life and energy to his passion of painting. He held successful exhibitions in Boston and Los Angeles and donated proceeds to churches and other non-profit organizations. He also donated many paintings to various religious and cultural organizations. Dikran was very active in the Watertown Art Association and received many awards for his art-work.

In addition to his work and love for art, he devoted most of his life to his faith and his church. He was active in many capacities at the First Armenian Church in Belmont, MA. His most prominent role was as a deacon for which he was honored as an Honorary Lifetime Deacon. Due to his reputation in the community and being a Genocide survivor, a moment of silence was observed in his memory during the Armenian Genocide Commemoration at the State House in Boston a few days after his passing.

Dikran was also an avid gardener and cook. His greatest pleasure in life was spending time with his family and doting on his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Azniv; three children and their spouses; Koko Balian and his wife Armine of Los Angeles, CA; Ara Balian and his wife Nancy of Winchester, MA; and Rita Allen and her husband Tim of Belmont, MA; and four grandchildren Jason, Jillian, Isabella and Alexa. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and friends. Dikran lived by the grace of God thru the power of faith. He was led by the spirit and he indeed did lead by example.

Funeral services were held on April 19, 2008 at the First Armenian Church in Belmont, MA. Memorial gifts were made to AMAA's Orphan & Child Care Programs. □

Charles George Chalabian

Charles Chalabian, born in Los Angeles, CA on Oct. 22 1942, passed away on April 12, 2008, at the age of 65. After finishing his education to become a pharmacist, he moved to the city of Huntington Beach, CA and lived a full life. He is survived by his wife, Linda; four sons, George, Bryan, Kenny and Paul; seven grandchildren, Jenna, Parker, Payton, Carson, Emilee, Jacob and Blake; his brother, Jack and sister, Betty. Charles was a caring husband, amazing father, and the best "Bebo" to his grandchildren. He will live in our hearts and be missed every day. □

Frederick S. Gratchian

Frederick S. Gratchian, 92, of Soundview Ave., Shelton, CT, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, Ct. He was the beloved husband for 55 years of Alice J. (Dadekhan) Gratchian. Born in Wilkes Barre, PA, he was the son of the late Artin H. and Fouliani (Frangoulian) Gratchian.

Frederick was an electrical contractor and was President of the former Gratchian Electric, Inc. in Bridgeport and Milford, CT for 45 years before retiring. He was a WWII U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. Veteran, serving in the 1st Marine Division. He was a member of Holy Ascension Armenian Apostolic Church in Trumbull, CT and was a past member of its Board of Trustees; a member of National Electrical Contractors Association and served on the Board of Electrical Apprenticeship Program of Local 488 I.B.E.W.; and was honored as a 50 Year Member of America St. John's Lodge #8 A.F. & A.M. He was also an avid skier.

Besides his wife, he was the devoted father of Alice H. Gratchian and Barbara A. Gratchian, both of Shelton, and dear brother of the late John and Richard Gratchian. He is also survived by his loving dog, Ginger.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were made to Armenian Children's Milk Fund. □

Alice Kabakjian Lewis

Alice was born in Philadelphia, PA, on Oct 16, 1914. She was the daughter of Dikran and Dircanouhi Kabakjian. Her father, Dircan, was a Professor of Physics at The University of Pennsylvania and was a prominent spokesman for The Armenian cause in the early 20th century. Her parents were initially educated



in the American Missionary Schools in Turkey. Alice, her two brothers, and her two sisters were all graduates of Penn State. Alice graduated in 1936 with a degree in English and French languages.

After employment at The Curtis Publishing Co., in 1943 she married Alexander Lewis, Jr., an officer in the United States Navy. Alice and Al spent most of their lives together in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where they raised three sons, Alexander III, Dennis, and Brady. Alice was a member of the Presbyterian Church throughout her life in Pittsburgh.

She traveled extensively with her husband, particularly in Europe and Italy where Al was engaged in business for the Gulf Oil Corporation. Alice was very active in local Armenian affairs and appeared on Pittsburgh television promoting passage of The Armenian Genocide Resolution.

Among Alice's many accomplishments was the 1978 publication of Shnorhig, An Armenian Story, the account of her aunt's escape from deportation in the Genocide of 1915. Alice brightened the life of all who knew her. She led an exemplary Christian life. She is fondly remembered by her sons, daughters-in-law, and six grandchildren. She is now in heaven having passed from this life on June 21, 2006. □

Steve Mashikian

Steve Mashikian was the first-born child to Yenovk and Gulenia (Rose) Mashikian in Kessab, Syria on August 18, 1929. At age one he and his parents immigrated to the city of Jaffa, Palestine, where he grew up in an Armenian Evangelical Church and attended Sunday School.

Steve's primary and secondary school education was the French School in Jaffa. He also took violin lessons while attending the Frere's school. Within months of his graduation from high school, the first major war between the Palestinians, the Arab nations and the Zionist occurred, and Steve moved to Beirut, Lebanon where his

aunt Anna Ghazarian and her family resided. Later his parents and siblings followed suit.

In Beirut, Steve attended the newly established "Haigazian College" for one year, and continued his violin lessons at the Beirut Music Conservatory Institute. Later he applied for an Engineering-Draftsman position with Aramco, in Saudi Arabia and worked there for several years. He returned to Beirut and shortly after traveled to Oakland, CA to further his education at Berkeley University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then moved south to Los Angeles and continued his education, graduating with a Double Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering and Marketing Management from USC. He worked with a number of architectural firms. His very noted accomplishment at was assuming the managerial position of supervising one of the world's most noted construction projects of building a city called "Yambu" from the barren desert dunes in Saudi Arabia. He retired in the early 1990's and spent his time enjoying his

leisure life style. After retirement, for a short period of time, he became involved in a "Real Estate Building Homes" business.

Steve became an avid skier throughout his late adult life. He was also very involved and supported the "Armenian Allied Arts Association". He was very involved in the appreciation of art and supported many Armenian painters. He also became interested and invested in fine china and crystals. But, his most fervent and dedicated hobby was his involvement in studying, understanding and investing in the wine business.

After a long year of a prolonged and physically debilitating condition, he went very peacefully to meet his Lord and Savior on April 22, 2008.

Steve is survived by his brother Vahan and his wife Alyce, and their extended family with nieces and grand nephews and grand nieces; also, his sister Ani, and sister-in-law Patti Mashikian and children. Additionally, he has many very close relatives -- the Mashikian, Boujikian, Solomonian, Aghbabian, Ashkarian, Abdulian and other families. May he rest in peace. □

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The AMAA Board of Directors and staff also wish to extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the following deceased friends whose names were submitted to us for publication in the AMAA NEWS.

- * Ruth Conragan
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- * Garabed Ekmekjian
Montreal, Canada
- * Susan Gourchounian
CA
- * Lucy Karian
Watertown MA
- * Aaron Kayayan
Kentwood MI

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Make Summer Special

Summer has arrived and that means the Summer Camps in Armenia and Karabagh will soon be in full swing! For 15 years, the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) in cooperation with the Evangelical Church of Armenia has organized summer camps. These camps reach the next generation by practically and tangibly sharing the love of Jesus with thousands of children and youth.

The two camps are strategically positioned to make the most impact:

- Camp Sheen Shoghik in the Hankavan region of Armenia, and
- Camp Bedrosian in Shushi, Karabagh.

... But that's not all! In addition, there are approximately 50 day camps/Vacation Bible Schools operating in 46 municipalities throughout Armenia, Karabagh, and Georgia.

The cost?

- Summer Camps: About \$50 per child.
- Day Camp/Vacation Bible School: About \$25 per child.

Of course, AMAA does not charge the children to attend. It is provided free! That's where you come in. AMAA depends on friends like you to provide these vital summer programs for the children to learn and have fun in a nurturing, Christian environment. Won't you help by "sponsoring" as many children as you are able for the \$50 or \$25 per child? We assure you that your donation will make a dramatic impact on young lives.

Yes, I would like to "sponsor" children to attend summer camps in Armenia, Georgia and Karabagh. Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ for:

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